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1. RESOLUTIONS MENTIONED REFTELS WERE ADOPTED AT BEIRUT MEETING OF CCIVS LAST MARCH. THE MEETING WAS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT SPONSORED BY UNESCO AND WAS ORGANIZED PRIMARILY BY THE LEBANESE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IT BROUGHT TOGETHER REPS FROM ABOUT 90 STATES. AFRICAN, ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN STATES WERE WELL REPRESENTED. PALESTINIAN DELEGATES WERE PRESENT.

2. THE CHIEF AMERICAN DELEGATE TOUCHED BASES BRIEFLY WITH THE EMBASSY PRIOR TO THE MEETING BUT NOT SUBSEQUENTLY. HE TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTED IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES TO COME UP, AS IN PREVIOUS CONFERENCES OF THIS BODY, AND ADDED THAT THE LOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE IN BEIRUT WOULD PROBABLY PROMPT AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF ATTENTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE MEETING AS A GATHERING OF YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEERS, THE CONFERENCE STRESSED THE ATTITUDES OF YOUTH TOWARDS VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES BEARING ON VOLUNTEER WORK. ONE OF THE AGENDA ITEMS WAS

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"REFUGEES IN THE WORLD", AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS IN THIS

FRAMEWORK THAT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AROSE.

3. THE CONFERENCE RECEIVED ONLY MODERATE PRESS ATTENTION HERE,
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE DISTURBED POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE
WAKE OF CIVIL STRIFE IN THE CITY OF SIDON.
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